

Town of Verona
Town Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 03, 2024 – 6:30 pm

Town Board Members Present: Chair Mark Geller, Tom Mathies, Dave Lonsdorf, Deb Paul, Mike Duerst

Staff Present: Administrator/Planner Sarah Gaskell, Clerk/Treasurer Teresa Withee, Public Works

Director Chris Barnes and Road Patrolman, Mark Judd

Others Present:

1. Call to Order/Approval of the Agenda – Chair Geller called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Motion by Duerst to approve the agenda, second by Lonsdorf. Motion carried by voice vote.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Public Comment
4. Approval of minutes from March 5, 2024 and October 31, 2023. Motion by Duerst to approve the minutes from March 5, 2024, second by Geller, Mathies nay. Motion carried by voice vote. Motion by Mathies to approve the minutes from October 31, 2023, second by Lonsdorf. Motion carried by voice vote.
5. Committee Reports
 - A. Plan Commission – Discussion regarding development updates. No meeting held in March.
 - B. Public Works
 1. Discussion and Possible Action: Whalen Road Repair Project Bid Award. Duerst presented the bid information. Motion by Duerst to approve bid from Fahrner to complete the Whalen Road Repair Project for \$28,059.35, second by Mathies. Discussion by board. Motion carried by voice vote.
 2. Discussion and Possible Action: Fitchrona Road Speed Limit Revision. Duerst presented the revision to reduce speed to 40 mph. Motion by Duerst to approve Fitchrona Road Speed Limit Revision reducing speed to 40 mph, second by Lonsdorf. Discussion by board. Barnes explained the reasons that a reduction in speed is justified. Motion carried by voice vote.
 3. Discussion and Possible Action: Ordinance 2024-01 to Establish the Speed Limit on a Section of Fitchrona Road. Motion by Geller to approve Ordinance 2024-01 to Establish the Speed Limit on a Section of Fitchrona Road, second by Duerst. Discussion by board. Motion carried by voice vote.
 - C. Finance Committee – no meeting
 - D. Natural and Recreational Areas – Lonsdorf stated they met NRA plan will be presented to the board at the May meeting. Town Natural areas hikes and visit will also be an agenda item for May.

- E. EMS Commission – Lonsdorf stated they are hiring another deputy chief due to increase in calls.
- F. Senior Services Committee – no meeting
- 6. Town Chair’s Business – Geller congratulated Mike Duerst and Deb Paul for winning their seats as Town Supervisors and thanked them for their service.
- 7. Supervisor Announcements – Duerst stated they are crushing along Highway 69 and Riverside. Mathies stated Dane County Towns association will be the 3rd Wednesday in May at Town of Middleton.
- 8. Staff Reports
 - A. Administrator/Planner Report was included in the packet. Gaskell stated Board of Review is meeting on April 23rd and quorum is required. Lonsdorf stated that NRAC is meeting the same night. Gaskell stated she wanted to express her appreciation for staff getting snow removed and running the election smoothly the past few days. Annual meeting is scheduled for 2 weeks from today.
 - B. Public Works Director Report was included in the packet. Barnes reviewed the PowerPoint regarding the boom mower rental in March.
 - C. Clerk/Treasurer Report was included in the packet. Withee stated the election ran smoothly and we are lucky to have so many good election workers that help run the elections. Geller stated his appreciation for the process and volunteers.
- 9. Unfinished Business
 - A. Discussion and Possible Action: 2024 Road Maintenance Projects. Motion by Duerst to approve 2024 Road Maintenance Projects, second by Lonsdorf. Motion carried by voice vote.
 - i. Execute an agreement with Dane County for pavement striping for the approximate amount of \$5,250.00. Motion by Geller to approve 2024 Road Maintenance Projects, second by Duerst. Discussion by board. Motion carried by voice vote.
 - ii. Authorize the purchase of new regulatory and warning signs from Decker Supply Co. Inc. in the amount of \$5,500.00. Motion by Duerst to approve 2024 Road Maintenance Projects, second by Lonsdorf. Motion carried by voice vote.
 - iii. Shoulder embankment preparation of Sunset Drive for approximately \$3,700. Motion by Geller to approve 2024 Road Maintenance Projects, second by Duerst. Motion carried by voice vote.

- iv. Execute a Change Order to Payne and Dolan, Inc to add Horseshoe Bend to the 2024 Maintenance contract in the amount of \$20,958.00. Motion by Lonsdorf to approve 2024 Road Maintenance Projects, second by Duerst. Motion carried by voice vote.

10. New Business

- A. Discussion and Possible Action: Town of Verona Engagement Letter from Johnson Block CPA for the 2023 Audit –Motion by Duerst to approve 2024 Road Maintenance Projects, second by Paul. Motion carried by voice vote.
11. Check Register Review – Discussion by board – would like an update from Western Dane County Municipal Court and Dane County Sherriff department.
12. Other
13. Motion by Geller to adjourn, second by Duerst, meeting adjourned without objection at 7:35 pm.

Prepared by Teresa Withee, Town Clerk

Approved: May 7, 2024